BINGULAR ACTION OF THE PARK BOARD.

TAKING THE STEP JUST BEFORE GOING OUT OF OFFICE-A MOST SUSPICIOUS AND IN-

It came out yesterday that the Tammany Hall Park Board two weeks ago last Friday granted to E. S. Stokes another five years' hase of the Clare-mont Hotel in Riverside Park from April 1 next. when Stokes's present term of five years will ex-pire. Stokes did not think it wise to wait until the Park Board to be appointed by Mayor Strong came into office. It was safer to run the job through under Tammany Hall ausplees. So a special meeting was called by his obliging friends, Commissioners Clausen and Tappen, on January 25, ostensibly provide additional apparatus for the Castle Garden Aquarium. After the spectators and reporters had left the board room the re-lease of the Claremont was brought up and, although Stokes's lease had over two months to run, another term of five years was given him without the usual opportunity competing hotel-keepers and the public to put in

Five years ago the Commissioners advertised for sealed proposals and there were four or five bidders besides Stokes. "Fine work" on Stokes's part was then charged by some of the other bidders, but the board and Stokes were both with Tammany and got the lease.

This time the board did not worry about advertisements or bids, but merely passed a resolution giving Stokes a second five years' lease on the basis of his former contract. The lease was signed by one Commissioner whose resignation was in the hands of the Mayor, and two others who had offered to resign. Mr. Stokes's haste in pushing his matter through was looked upon as indicating his want of confidence in his chances with impartial Commissioners who would give all competitors an oppor-tunity to bid. It is understood that the Excise law has never been enforced at the Claremont since Stokes came into possession, which is one reason why it is such a profitable thing.

Good lawyers expressed doubt yesterday as to the legality of the re-lease of five years to Stokes. The failure of the board to advertise the lease was regarded as sufficient for the new Park Board, when appointed by Mayor Strong, to revoke Stokes's lease and advertise for bidders. If this yourse is not pursued, there seems to be no doubt that the new board can adopt such regulations its management as will make it desirable on the lessee's part to relinquish it.

The clandestine and unseemly haste which characterized the Park Board's action in this matter met with severe criticism yesterday from all who heard of it, and who were aware of the great value feard of it, and who were aware to the franchise which now passes into E. S. Stokes's hands for another long term, without effort on the part of the Park Board to secure anything like proper compensation to the city. The Claremont is one of the finest resorts of the kind Manhattan Island. It is beautifully situated on the water front, commanding a view of the Hudson River, the west side of the city and the New-Jersey shore. The landscape as far as eye can reach is one of the most delightful and gnificent which the Empire State affords.

Men acquainted with the hotel business say that there is not a more profitable hostelry now operation, and that Stokes has been able more than make good out of his receipts at Claremont the losses which he has sustained in other mentures. It is generally looked upon as enormously profitable to the lessee, who, although the Park Commissioners are by the terms of the lesse permitted to regulate the prices charged on his bills of fare, has continued to extort exorbitant rates from his customers in spite of frequent pro-tests which have been lodged with the board aginst Stokes's greed.

The press and the people of New-York have had occasion many times heretofore to note and condemn the discreditable and indefensible methods which have marked the history of the present Board of Park Commissioners. Their reckless squandering of the \$1.99,000 given them last year to provide work for the imemployed, and their deflance of public sentiment in relation to the Harlem River Speedway, have met general reprobation. Now, as they are going out of office, they add to their balodorous record this secret and hurried action, which amounts to putting thousands of dollars of the city's money annually into the pockets of E. S. Stokes, whose claim to public sympathy rests upon the fact that he was once confined in the Tombs along with John J. Scannell. He was guilty of a cowardly and brutal murder. James Fisk, fr., his victim, was making a call on a woman at the Grand Central Hotel, in Broadway. Stokes, who had knowledge of Fisk's intended visit, skulked near the darkened hailway until he saw Fisk coming up the staire. Fisk was unarmed though on the third trial perjured testimony was introduced to prove that he had dropped a pistol. Twice a jury righteously convicted Stokes of murder in the first degree. He twice succeeded in securing a new trial, and finally, on a conviction for manslaughter, was compelled to serve a term of several years in State prison. Since his release he has been taken care of by Tammany Hall, with the aid of politicians as bad as any Tammany Park Board recalled the testimony of Patrick H. McCann. Richard Croker's brother-inlaw, before the Fassett Committee, when Croker's connection with the Mount St. Vincent restaurant, now McGown's Pass Tavern, In Central Park, McCann swore that he got the lease of the hotel on October 10, 1885, through Mr. Croker's brother-in-law, before the Fassett Committee, when Croker's foomed to have as a partner a man named Sauer. The latter having been killed before the place was ready for occupancy. Croker got another partner, one Conkling Suy. Croker got another The press and the people of New-York have had occasion many times heretofore to note and con-

TO BUILD AND LEASE HOUSEBOATS.

A company to build and lease houseboats has been organized with a capital of \$100,000 and in corporated under the laws of New Jersey, but having its principal office at No. 1.122 Broadway, in this city. It is known as the Houseboat Company, and its officers are: Charles Ledyard Norton, president; Thorwald Stallknecht, treasurer, and F. Reisenberg, secretary. Other incorporators are Frederick P. Olcott and Alfred R. Kimball, Houseboats have obtained remarkable popularity in England. Thousands of the well-to-do classes, in-England. Thousands of the west-to-do classes, own houseboats and use them as summer cottages are used in this country. The houseboat is in effect a floating cottage, which may be moored in any sheltered waters, and moved at pleasure from place to

waters, and moved at pleasure from place to place. Along the upper reaches of the English Thames there is in summer an almost continuous village of such floating homes, and American waters afford facilities so vastly greater for like establishments that their widespread popularity at no distant day is a foregone conclusion.

The company purposes anticipating this certain demand by establishing a floating camp or village near New-York renting houseboats, furnished or unfurnished, to suit lessees, and building them to order if desired. Each houseboat of the standard club pattern will be complete in itself, with as many rooms and berths as may be required; a good-sized living-room, kitchen, store-room, lavatories, etc., with open but shaded decks for fair weather, and a small boat for landing and visiting.

ing.

A houseboat of the standard club pattern, providing quarters for from eight to ten persons, will cost about \$2.00 and upward, according to finish. The estimated rental of such a boat, equipped for service, but unfurnished, is, according to finish, from \$500 and upward a season.

The rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, in West Thirty-seventh-st., the Rev. M. C. O'Farrell, will probably be the next Bishop of Denver in sucpession to Bishop Matz, who resignal recently. Many of the priests of Colorado have expressed a wish to see him in possession of the see. If he so desires, the consultors of the Denver diocess will put his name on the list to be sent to Rome, the Bishops will second his nomination and the Archbishop of New-York will consent to his departure, his friends say. At present Father O'Farrell is confined to his house, recovering from an attack of the grip, and house, recovering from an attack of the grip, and he has not expressed any opinions on his possible promotion. Bishop Matz forwarded his resignation to Rome, but the official reception of it has not been announced. He resigned because of the continued misunderstanding with his priests, who did not care to be governed by his methods and preferred a Bishop of Irish extraction. His resignation was sudden and much against the wish of Archbishop Katzer, who has just gone to Rome and will make it the occasion of some strong representations to the Holy See. It is likely that Bishop Matz will be sent to Dakota in place of Bishop Marty. If Father O'Farrell accepts the see of Denver his consecration will take risce at the Cathedral, and will be the most nates orthy celebration there since the Cardina's time.

TURNING OVER CLAREMONT TO E. S. STOKES- A REDUCED FACE AND FEATURES-WORN AS A



that belonging to T Alejandro Santos, who was recently appointed Consul from Bolivia to New-York by President Baptista. Mr. Santos is a native of Ecuador, although now a naturalized American citizen, and has travelled extensively in South America, especially in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador, and has gathered a large and interesting collection of ancient and modern Indian curiosities. Mr. Santos is an interesting and fluent talker and a student of the archaeology and history of South America. The pride of his collection is a wonderful specimen of a reduced and preserved Ecuador

ian Indian's head

The great portion of Central and Eastern Ecuador is a wild, mountainous and desert region, and is inhabited by tribes of Indians who are still in a more than semi-barbarous and savage condition even worse than that of the American Indians 150 There Indians are great warriors, and are constantly fighting among themselves, with little interference from the government authorities. among many of their queer customs is that, instead of scalping their slain enemies and wearing their scalps ar trophies of their prowers, as did the North American Indians, the Indians of Ecuacut the heads from their enemies' shoulders and, after putting them through a process of tanning and reduction, wear them with great pride at

their belts as ghastly ornaments.

The head in the possession of Mr. Santos belonged to a full-grown man of ordinary stature. but is now about one-tenth its original size. The features and general contour of the face are wonderfully preserved, so much so that it is said those who had known in life a man whose head had been so preserved would have no difficulty in identifying The process of preparing the heads is a secret among the Indians that has never been divulged, but it is supposed that it is somewhat similar to that practised by the ancient Egyptians in preparing the mummies. One part of the process is said to be the filling of the interior, after the removal of the bones, with red-hot gravel, which reduces the size and tans and hardens the

facial and cranium bones, and the entire contents of the head, leaving only the scalp and thick skin. The head described here is smaller in size than an ordinary baseball, and is covered with the long. silken and beautiful black hair that was worn in life. It probably reached about the shoulders, and is banged in front. Just where the hair begins on the right temple is a large indentation, which was evidently made with a battle-axe and was the cause of the warrior's death. The face is somewhat sunken where the eyes formerly were, an the nose is thrown slightly upward. The Indians have little hair on their faces, but the eyebrows and a few hairs on the lip, chin and in the nestrils are still in evidence. The ears are reduced in proportion to the rest of the face, but the piercing in each lobe is distinctly shown. Taken all in all, the face is a most feroclous-looking one, and the owner must have been a bad man in a fight while in the land of the living. That he was a great warrior is amply borne out by the fact that from his lips hang thirty-four strings, each string representing a human life which he took in battle.

When in life the warrior wore the record elsewhere on his person, but when he was slain the victor sewed the strings through his dead enemy's lips, that it might be seen at a glance what a great warrior he had killed.

The reduced skin and cuticle is about one-sixth have little hair on their faces, but the eyebrows

able as ironwood. In color the face is a rich mahogany, streaked with red war paint. In the back
of the neck and head is the long cut through which
the contents were removed and which was afterward
sewn up. The nead is carried by means of a thong
run through a hole in the top. By this custom a
great warrior who had slain a number of enemies
had plenty of bric-a-brac for the adornment of his
person and his dwelling.
Globe-trotters who have seen the curiosities of
many countries, and who have examined Mr. Santos's Indian head, pronounce it one of the linest
curlosities they have ever seen. Mr. Santos says
that when the Indians tealized what a high commercial value the heads had, they would murder
one another for the pu poss of preserving and selling the heads, until the Government of Ecuador
was compelled to prohibit the traffic by stringent
laws. The heads have now become rare and bring
a large price. Only two others are known to be in
this country; one owned by a private individual and
the other in the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Santos also has a number of curiosities which
he brought from the two buried cities of Manabi,
One of these cities is twenty feet below the surface, 1 aid the other ten. Among them are one of
the walls of Troy scals, which have been so often
described, stone battle axes and hatchers, pieces of
pottery of curious and quaint design, besides specimens of pictures and wood-carving done by the
modern Indian:

SARDOU AND DURUY-THIRTY YEARS LATER A Frenchman, wearing the style of beard in fashion in the days of Napoleon III. was sitting the other day in a hotel in the foreign quarter. About him were gathered several men of his nationality, deeply interested in his reminiscences of "other days." He had picked up the paper-after telling of a battle in the France-Prussian War-and as he glanced over its black and white columns, he saw the line: "Victor Duruy dead!"

"Gentlemen," he said, "those words recall a story which, I think, may interest you. It begins at the time when M. Duruy, the academician, was teaching history at the Lycee Henri IV, where young Victorien Sardou was a pupil. I sat on a bench behind him. One day, Duruy having asked Sardou to give the divisions of Egypt under the reign of Sesestris, the following conversation took place between the pupil and professor:

"Sardou-I do not know." Dursy-And why? It is in the lesson for to-

"Duruy-And why? It is in the lesson for lo-day.
"Sardou-Yes, but I decided that I could dispense with this particular detail.
"Duruy-But I alone am to judge of that matter.
"Sardou-Oh! I thought I had some privilege in this case, because I am the one who learns.
"M. Duruy naturally did not agree with Sardou and gave him a bad mark. But I was pleased at the young fellow's nerve and impudence, and offered him some candies in recognition of his bravado. He filled his mouth with them. M. Duruy saw him and asked him quickly another question. Sardou, the mouth full, could not utter word and gained a bad reputation that day in

ne class.
"But there is another part to this story—as to many others. Thirty years later, the pupil of M. Duruy, then an academician, received a visit from M. Camille Doucet, who said to him:

M. Camille Doucet, who said to him:

"You know that Duruy is a candidate for the
Academy. We count on your vote.

"To prevent his entrance? With pleasure, because it is now my turn to set him back."

"Doucet remained silent from astonishment.

"But Sardou went on: 'Don't you see that I am
not in earnest? I shall vote for my eminent professor, all the more gladly, as it was he who
raised me to the dignity of an officer of the Legion
of Honor."

"OUR" COUNCIL TO GIVE AN ENTERTAINMENT. "Our" Council No. 252, Royal Areanum, will give its annual entertainment and reception at Lenox eum on Thursday evening. All the boxes have already been sold. This will probably be the most representative Arcanum affair of the season, as a large number of the leading members of the order in this city, Brooklyn and throughout the State

"Our" Council has a large number of members in the theatrical profession, besides having a representation from the wholesale drygoods district, the Stock Exchange and from lawyers, editors, physicians, ministers and others in New-York and its vicinity. Tickets may be procured of any member of the council, or at the door on the evening of entertainment. Past Regent John H. Robb is chairman of the Press Committee. Harvey T. Brown is chairman of the Executive Committee.

There are in all four companies which are bidding for the freedom of various portions of the fifty-cight square miles of Staten Island territory. Of course, whenever anything of an interesting nature is going on in Staten Island, Erasius Wiman is 'in-it.' "right in it," so to speak, and in this case Mr. Wiman has not allowed his recent difficulties to interfere with his fulfilling public expectations on this point. Mr. Wiman is the livest asset which the Staten Island Interior Railway Company has. This company has laid out a series of routes,

A GREAT WARRIORS HEAD.

CURIOUS SOUTH AMERICAN RELIC.

A REDUCED FACE AND FEATURES—WORN AS A

TROPHY APTER BATTLE.

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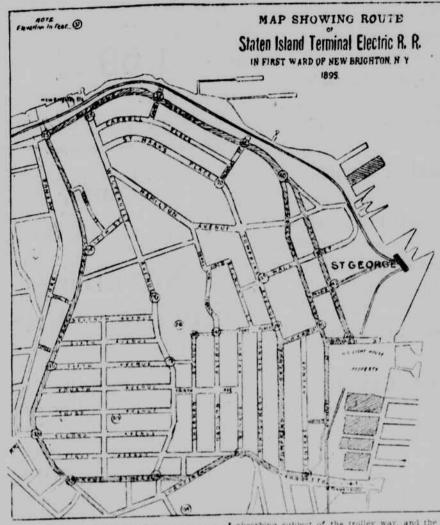
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copia, the point of which is at the St. George ferry. This line is designed to serve the high ground at the interior of this portion of the island, and will in no way conflict with the Hapid Transit Railroad which binds the shores of the Island with its double line of steel-rail tracks.

The Interior company's line runs up by Siver Lake to Prohibition Park, over some grades which Lake to Prolibition Park, over some grades which only trolley cars can climb, and thence to Ocean Terrace, which is the highest point on the island, being 50 feet above the sea level. It runs back of the Country Club, through what is known as Clove Road, to Richmond Road, and then back to the ferry. A spur from Concord runs down to South Beach and along the beach to New-Dorp, thus affording almost a direct line from the ferry, or any intermediate points, to South Beach.

This loop, extending from the ferry up over the

hills and back to the ferry, covers about twelve miles of roadway, and, according to Mr. Wiman's figures, opens up by direct communication from the ferry a wider area in less running time, and with less cost of construction, than any of the other proposed routes. Further-

the trolley or the cable.

Mr. Wiman has back of him Herman Bergholtz, of Ithaca, N. Y., and Horace E. Hand, of Seranton, Penn., who are both men of wealth and of experience in the building and handling of electric roads in their respective cities. Besides these a number of well-known New-York and Staten Island men are interested in the company.

This road has all the necessary property consents.

and has deposited the necessary guarantee for its construction, but has not received its franchise. In fact, none of the rival companies have obtained franchises, although the Staten Island Electric Company caims the old Belt Line franchise, which was granted some years ago to a horse railroad running along the shore of the island paralleling running along the shore of the island paralleling the Rapid Transit lines. This line used to run about two cars a week for a year or two, but for the last two years has done nothing whatever. Consequently, the charter is open to attack on the ground of lapse of use, and furthermore the con-sents obtained for horse power will not hold for the use of electricity, and must be obtained all over again. This, many of the property-holders, notably The Sallor's Snug Harbor corporation, owning 3,000 feet of property along the proposed line, absolutely

refuse to grant.

The probability that the company does not place much faith in its old charter is borne out by the fact that they are also eager applicants before the trustees of the various Staten Island villages for a

new franchise covering the same right of way.

This Staten Island Electric Railroad Company is
probably the strongest financially of any of the contestants, as it is controlled by what is known as the Thomas syndicate, including General Sam-uel Thomas, Tromas F. Ryan, Charles R. Flint, Howard Carroll, Joseph S. Auerbach and other New-York men of wealth, who some time ago caught the Staten Island Ferry Company by outcaught the Staten Island Ferry Company by out-bidding them for the franchise and compelling them to give up a half-interest in the ferry, thereby practically making \$1,000,000 out of the Rapid Tran-sit Company in one month's transaction. The lines of this company may be likened to the

outlines of a butterfly, having its head at the St. outlines of a butterny, having its acan at the co-George ferry, while the track extending up Rich-room Turnpike furnishes the backbone. One wing extends along the north shore of the island to con-nect by ferry with Elizabeth, N. J., while the other line extends down to the eastern shore to South

line extends down to the eastern shore to South Beach.

Another point of controversy between the syndicate and Mr. Wiman's enterprise is over the extensive electric plant which Mr. Wiman started to complete for electric railroad purposes just before his failure, and with it the Electric Light Company, which now serves Staten Island.

This company is in the hands of a receiver, with \$85,000 of bonds outstanding, and between \$100,000 and \$200,000 of claims in the hands of numerous creditors, and yet the lighting business of the company alone has been sufficient in the last year to more than pay interest on all of its indebtedness. At the same time, if the bonds were foreclosed, they would wipe out the salable assets of the company and nothing would be left for the creditors. The Thomas syndicate has bought this \$85,000 of bonds at about 60 cents on the delar, and proposes to getze the plant under foreclosure.

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Wiman on the other hand, proposes to turn to his new company the plant, by arrange

they shall listen of all the corporations which are so persistently wooling them.

The stringgle has been precipitated by the imminence of the Greater New-York consolidation and by the separation of the ferry from the railroad, by which a five-cent fare has been assured and the possibility of discrimination against the electric roads by the ferry company shut out.

These the courts are appealed to the contest will probably be settled within a couple of weeks and then the victorious company or companies will settle down to the work of laying tracks and getting

AGAINST THE SPITTING HABIT. WOMAN WHO WANTS A LAW PASSED OR AT

LEAST A CLUSADE STARTED.

The spitting habit," said the woman of strong character, "not expectoration or anything else, but spitting—why don't the newspapers take up the question and pound it into the heads of people that spitting is unclean, disgusting and dangerou "But haven't the nexspapers called attention to

this pretty trequently, and don't people go right on spitting?" asked the newspaper man. "All right" declared the woman, "way don't

go right on calling attention to it? Why don't they start a crusade and follow it up-print some-

of \$9,000. The membership of the club now numbers life you ever thought," she asked, "what a woman suffers from these people who go along splitting on the sidewalks or the cievated stairs? What terror she is in lest her gown should drag.

The new paper man suggested had been supported by the club now numbers life. Many enjoyable social entertainments are held at the present clubhouse, while during the riding season the club dose much to promote century and long-distance rides.

The new clubhouse will be three stories high. What terror she is in lest her gown should drag through the spitum." How disgusting it is to her to see men soing along in front of her spitting on the side-ailks. Then every one who knows anything about the subject knows that spitting a sone of the surest means in the world of spitting about the subject knows that spitting is one of the surest means in the world of spreading disease. Isn't there a way of making peope understand what a ocasity habit this one of spitting in public is? Surely there is, and surely it is by having the newspapers keep the question hefore the public gaze. It is a disgusting and a heastly habit you admit that, don't you."

"All that you say is true," said the newspaper man, meekly.

"There ought to be a law against spitting in

ought to be a law against spitting in

public. Perhaps you are right. Well, then, why don't the newspapers keep pounding away on the subject? So the newspaper man obediently sets forth his views, and he sincerely hopes that no man, if there he any man so guilty, who reads her words, will ever sp.t again in public.

SURPRISE AT THE CHOICE OF MME. DE BEAU HARNAIS.

Among the interesting reminiscences of Napole published in France recently none have attracted more attention than those of Victor Destutt de-Tracy, a contemporary of the great Bonaparte. They were written in 1851, and contain the following strange reference to the marriage of the future Empresa Josephine:
"Apropos of Mine, Banaparte, I have not forgotten

a little anecdote which, in fact, is as fresh in my memory as though the incidents which it tells hap-

memory as though the incidents which it tells happened yesterday. It was in 1725. We were at Anteuil, where a few friends came to visit us, and among them M. de Barin de la Galissonnière, who was strongly attached to my mother. One day when he arrived for dinner my mother said to him:

"Well, my dear sir, tell us something new."

"Indeed, came the answer, there is nothing. You knew Mine. de Beauhsrnais, this graceful creole from Martinique?"

"Yes, certainly, the widow of M. de Beauharnais, the beautiful dancer who was at Cannes with my husband."

"Yes, the same one. Well, she is to marry a little Corsican officer of artillery, a graduate of the Brienne school, through the aid of M. de Monthar, who has neither acres nor trunks; who is smail, yellow, not handsome, and who is I don't know how many years younger than she. All her friends whom I know have tried every way possible to turn her away from this folly. But nothing could be done. It was Barras who arranged this affair."

A NEAR-SIGHTED MAN WHO GIVES RECKLESSLY A New-Yorker whose office is in the neighbor-In these short fall days it is after dark when he leaves his place of business to go home. After nightfall, even when wearing his strongest glasses, Mr. Wiman on the other hand, proposes to turn over to his new company the plant, by arrangement with the creditors and bondholders, giving them bonds of the new company for their claims, and says that the running of the plant by day to drive the cars and by night to produce light will result in such economy that the enterprise will be a most remunerative one. For these reasons Mr. Wiman and the creditors of the company propose vigorously to contest the foreclosure of the mortgage, which would be for the sole benefit of the bondholders.

The third company fighting for Staten Island's favor is the Midland Company, which is represented principally by C. G. Kolff, but is really backed by the Staten Island Rapid Transit Company, and designed as a feeder to its present steam lines. The proposed lines of this company show on the map like a spider, having its centre at Castleton Corners in the centre of the island; from this point tentacles extend to Port Richmond by the Prohibition Park line, to West Brighton over an old horsecar line, through the Clove Road to Stapleton, and a fourth to New-Dorp and Richmond.

This system has no direct communication with the ferry, but taps the rapid transit road at West Brighton. Richmond and Stapleton. This company has an arrangement with the Rapid Transit or against the terminal company for inequalities of accommodations or for dissatisfaction of any kind. The local Staten Island papers are full of editorials, interviews and sarcastic doggerel on this allthis near-sighted man could hardly recognize his closest friend if they were to meet face to face. It is a weakness of this New-Yorker that he cannot

THE WHEEL.

CYCLING MEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CONVENTION.

SEVERAL KNOTTY POINTS TO BE SETTLED-ASBURY PARK OFFERS INDUCEMENTS FOR

American Wheelmen, which will be held in this city a week from to-morrow The delegates have many tough nuts to crack, and the convention may last for three or four days. There is one question which is bothering the officials considerably, even more than they like to acknowledge, and that is the steady falling off in the membership in the League. With the steady increase in interest in wheeling affairs, this decrease in membership does not seem natural. Probably the tetirement of certain officials may do a great deal of g -1. The amendments to the constitution, the election of officers, profession-alism, the negro question, Class B, the League meet and salaries, will be mest of the knotty points to be

The letters of sames S. Holmes, jr., ex-chief-con-sul of the New-Jersey division of the L. A. W., published a few days ago, has brought out the following reply from Chief Consul Elliott, of Massa-

chusetts:

I am extremely sorry that it is necessary for us to no into any controversy over this matter. It is not so much a question of how Boston will come out, for I feel that our success is assured, but it is unpleasant to think that such a contest could have been started. Mr. Holmes has done some most remarkable explaining, for which we of Boston should heartly thank him. I sympathize deeply with him, not so much that they of New-Jersey have lost the '55 mset, but that they practically stand no chance now of getting it for '96.

In companying on the quartel "The Wheel" says: In commenting on the quarrel "The Wheel" says:

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In order to further popularize the claim of NewJefsey in securing the meet, the gymnastic team of
the University of Pennsylvania, the Glee Club, and
middleweight champion amateur wrestler, Osgood,
have volunteered their services for a monster testimonial benefit to the Asoury Park Wheelmen. This
generous offer on the part of the University of
Pennsylvania athletes has been accepted, and the
proprietor of the Asbury Park Opera House has
come forward and tendered the use of his commodious theatre for the entertainment. The date has
not as yet been selected. Volunteer talent has been
secured from all over the States of Pennsylvania,
Delaware, Maryland, New-Jersey and New-York.
The Mayor of Asbury Park has offered to con-The Mayor of Asbury Park has offered to con-

tribute \$10,000 toward entertaining visiting whe Boston show any enthusiasm of this sort? followers of cycling in Cleveland are overjoyed over the fact that streets and roads there are to be improved at a cost to the city of over

are to be improved at a cost to the city of over 1800,000.

A new cycle is being perfected in Providence, for which its builders claim wonders. The new machine is lighter than the average wheel, and, it is said that with this wheel a good rider this year will be able to smash all records.

The cycling department of the Young Men's Institute will give an entertainment at the Central Opera House on Friday night. The committee in charge of the entertainment are C. J. Fogarty, John S. Morgan, E. C. O'Gorman, T. F. Murray, John S. Morgan, R. L. Hennessy, E. Gerhereaux, J. J. Mahon and Joseph Ryan.

The first annual reception of the Cyclone Wheelmen will be held in the hall of the American Theatre to-morrow night.

The Union County Hoadsters' bowling team con-

Union County Roadsters' bowling team con roll up some remarkable games, and their for the bowling championship is not likely juished. The team made the clever scores

Seventh-ave.

The Rosion Bicycle Club, which lays claim to heing the o'dest cycling club in the country, celebrated its seventeenth anniversary at Boston last

The Rev. A. J. Frost, of San Bernardino, is said to be the biggest bicycle rider on record. He is feet 7 inches in height and weighs 350 pounds. Its wheel is said to be an ordinary safety, weighing about thirty pounds. The National Cyclists mino has suspended a tider for calling a referee to "cad." What will the baseball umpire think of bic."

this?

Hansen, a Danish musician and cycle rider, makes claim to the remarkable mileage record of 21,632 miles for 1894. The report that the Pope has interdicted priests from riding bicycles is not creativel by cycling authorities in this country.

The Kings County Wheelvish's Entertainment Committee has been working hard the last week The Kings County Wheelram's Entertainment Committee has been working hard the last week booming the coming performance which will take place at the Criterion Theatre in March 15, and since February 1 the members have sold over half the house. The Booth Dramatic Society, through C. T. Wiegand and M. Deisvante, have offered their services for the entertainment. The following schedule is arranged for this month: February II, a stag whist and kaffee-klatsch; February II, ladies euchre and dance: February IS, stag euchre and kaffee-klatsch; February IS, stag e

A NEW HOME FOR WHEELMEN. A CLUBHOUSE TO BE BUILT IN SOUTH BROOKLYN-ITS ARRANGEMENTS WILL

BE COMPLETE.

The South Brooklyn Wheelmen, one of the most prosperous and energetic cycling and social cibbs in that city, has decided to build a new clubhouse near its present handsome quarters at No. 45 Ninth-st. The new clubhouse will be in Eighth-st., near Seventh-ave, and the plans call for an expenditure of \$9,000. The membership of the club new num-bers [5]. Many energial coverage of the club riding season the club does much to promote cen-tury and long-distance rides.

The new clubhouse will be three stories high.

The ground floor, which will measure 60 by 25 wheels can be hung from the ceiling so that large room may be used for dencing and other tal purposes, as well as for holding meetings, a parlor will be on the second floor, while the rd floor will be set aside as billiard and card ms.

rooms. Work on the new building will be started 'at once, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy about May 15. The club is in a good inancial condition.

BARNARD SCHOOL ATHLETICS. ITS SINTH ANNUAL INDOOR MMETING HELD-WINNERS OF THE CONTESTS.

The sixth annual indoor scholastic meetingsof the The sixth annual indoor scholastic meeting of the Barnard School was held at the armory of the 8th Bartalion, Ninety-fourth-at, and Park-ave, yesterday afternoon. The entry list was large. The Barnard School won, with 29 points; the Brookiyn High School was second, with 7 points; Adelphia, 6; Harvard, 6; Berkeley, 6; Brookiyn Latin, 5; Cutler, 5; Pringey, 5; Wilson & Kelly, 5; Bryant & Stration, 3; Condon, 3; Flushing, 3; Newark Acad-emy, 5; Oxford School, 3. G. E. Schwegler was the referee and F. P. Murray and Samuel Mack, judges In the sixty-yard dash and the sixty-yard hurdle the best interscholastic records were equalled, while the running high jump and pol--vau't were beaten.

the running high jump and poly-vault were beaten. The summaries are as follows:
Four-hundred-and-forty-yard dash—Won by S. A. Syme, J. Meehan second, E. Goetting third. Time—54-5 seconds.
Sixty-yard dash—Won by A. G. Goodwin, N. L., Roth, jr., second, R. W. Moore third. Time—7 seconds.
Sixty-yard dash (boys under fifteen years)—Won by H. Armstead, W. Wilson second, A. W. Smith third. Time—72-5 seconds.
One-mile walk—Won by W. Walli, H. Nichols, second; L. Collis, third; time, 10 min, 9 sec.
Sixty-yard hardles—Won by S. A. Syme, J. D. Pell second; time, 73-5 seconds. Syme won the run off after a dead heat.
Two hundred and twenty-yard dash—Won by W. Wilson, M. D. Evans, second; H. Stratton, third; time 3 seconds.
One-mile run—Won by R. L. Eaten, E. W. Bedford, second; H. R. Romer, third; time 5 min, 151-5 sec.
Eight hundred and eighty-yard run—Won by H.

Eight hundred and eighty-yard rir.—Won by H. Vom Baur, 41. Baumister, second; G. C. Pier, third; time, 2 min, 21 3-5 sec.
Running high jume—Won by S. A. W. Baitagzi, 5 feet 3 inches; T. R. Pell, second; J. P. Pell, third. The winner kept on and cleared 5 feet 8 inches. Putting shot—Won by R. Bigelow, 37 feet 54 inches; C. H. Eimer, second; F. G. Munson, third. Pole vault—Won by D. A. Syme, E. F. Simpson, second; M. Forney, third.

JUDGES FOR THE GYMNASTIC MEET. New-Haven, Conn., Feb. 9.-The captains of the Yale and Princeton gymnastic teams have decided upon the judges for the Yale-Princeton gymnastic meet which will take place at the Yale symnasium on February 27. They are J. Edward Heaton, Her-mann Arnold and J. Schlussel, all of this city.

MEETING OF THE N. E. I. A. A. Busion. Feb. 3.—The ninth annual business meet

Association was held in this city to-day. Second Vice-President Charles D. Broughton, of Trinity, Vice-Presided, and nine colleges were represented, as follows: Bowdoin, Browa, Dartmouth, Massachusettes Institute of Technology, Trinity, Wesleyan, Williams and the Worccuter Institute of Technology. The only member of the association not represented was the University of Vermont.

The following officers were elected for the ensu-

ing year: President, Benjamin Hurd, jr., of Boston "Tech"; first vice-president, Dallas L. Sharpe, Brown; second vice-president, Stephen Chase, Dartimouth; secretary, Loyai L. Leonard, Trinity; treas-

L. Leonard, Trinity, Solid T. Scarles, Weslyan, William R. Putney, Williams; Henry W. Allen, Hoston "Tech," and Charles A. Harrington, Worcester "Tech."

The convention accepted the offer of the Worcester Athletic Club to resume the responsibility of the annual championship meeting and divide the net receipts, and the ninth annual meeting will be held at Worcester Oval, Lake View, on Wednesday, May 22.

NOTES ON LOCAL BASEBALL AFFAIRS. ATHLETIC MEETINGS AND BOXING BOOTS TO

BE HELD-THEY WANT TO BE RE-INSTATED AS AMATEURS.

George S. Davis, the manager of the New-York Baseball Club, did not ceturn to the city yesterday, remaining at his home in Cohocs, where a member of his family is seriously ill. No new contracts were received by President Freedman yesterday. These men are now under contract; Davis, Doyle, Tier, nan, Bannon, Murphy, Stafford, Clark and German,

C. W. Stage, the champion sprinter, who last year acted as a National League umpire, has petitioned the Amateur Athletic Union to be reinstated as an amateur. Zimmerman and Wheeler, who raced last year as professional cycle riders, are also anxious to be reinstated as Class B men in the League of American Wheelmen. The modern definition of the word "amateur" is so broad that it is not impossible for all three men to have their skirts cleared of

The next important indoor athletic meeting of the 23d Regiment Athletic Association will be held at the armory in Brooklyn on March 30.

The rext boxing bouts of the New Manhattan Athletic Club will be held on Tuesday night. Matchmaker Newman has provided an interesting pro-gramme, in which are some of the skilful boxers. The list is as follows: Frank Zimpher, Buffalo, N. Y., and "Dolly" Lyons, of New-York; "Willie" Nicoll, of New-York, and Charlie Miner, of New-Nicoll, of New-York, and Charlie Miner, of New-York; "Marty" McCue, of New-York, and "Dan" Leahy, of Boston, James Holmes, of New-York, and E. Listman, of New-York; Samuei Tonkins, of Astoria, and James Fox, of Philadelphia; Frank Reae, of Buffalo, and Jerry Marshall, of Australia. W. Leonard May, referee; Dr. J. Wilson Gibbs and William H. Henry, Judges; Dr. Arthur O'Shea, timekeeper.

The next sparring tournament of the Seaside Athietic Club will be held at Coney Island on March 4. The bouts are: Horace Leeds vs. "Young Giffo"; "Tom" Denny, featherweight champion of Australia, vs. "Solly" Smith; "Danny" McBride vs. "Marty" McCue.

THE INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC CONTEST.

context between the New-York and the London Athletic clubs, though the details have not yet been arranged by the London club. Indeed to the london Athletic clubs, though the declins have a ranged by the London club. Judging from experience, "The Gazette" says, the Englishmen should have little difficulty in winning.

A sub-committee of the London Athletic Club is now considering the character of the sports and other details of the contest of the London team with the team of the New-York Athletic Club.

Lendon, Feb. 9.—"The Pall Mail Gazette" says it may be assumed to be settled that there will be a

A PRODUCT OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

JOHN BELLOWS SAYS ALEXANDER HI MUST BE JUDGED WITH AN EYE TO HIS SURROUNDINGS. From The Scotsman

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"The darkened heart that beats no more," a tear of sympathy?

APPLICABLE TO MR. CARLISLE'S PLAN. From the Cincipnati Commercial-Gazette.

From the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette,

"Well," said a gentleman yesterday, "you might
apply a story to Carlisle and his currency plan.
He is like the two men who got a keg of cider one
not afternoon up in Massachusetts. They set up a
little stand on the sidewalk, and waited for thirsty
passers-by to buy their liquid, at two cents a
glass. Notwithstanding the low price, they waited
in vain for customers. Standing as they did in
the hot sun, one of them finally confessed that
he himself had become thirsty. 'Now, Bill,' he
said, 'I want a glass of cider. We're going to sell
it for two cents a glass, so my share of it will
be one cent. Here is your cent.' So he handed him
the cent and took his drink. After a little while
the other fellow got thirsty, and said he would
take a glass, paying a cent to his partner as his
share. Waiting all day they became thirsty, turn
about many times, until, as the sun dipped behind
the western hills, they found they had no cider
left, and all the money they had to show was the
one cent they had started with in the morning.
It is not difficult to make an 'enalogy.'"